

REMARKS

Status Summary

Claims 1-13 and 16-50 are pending in the present application. No claims are amended, no claims are added, and no claims are cancelled. Therefore, upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-13 and 16-50 will be pending.

Specification

Claims 31-38 are rejected as reciting a computer readable storage medium where the specification recites a computer readable medium and that due to the fact that the specification recites that a computer readable medium can include electrical signals. Each of claims 31-38 has been amended to recite a computer readable medium, consistently with page 4, lines 3-6 of the specification. In addition, the term “downloadable electrical signals” has been deleted from the specification. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection to claims 31-38 should be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-13 and 16-50 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6353450 to DeLeeuw, (hereinafter, “DeLeeuw”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 7278107 to Price, (hereinafter, “Price”). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1, 16, 31, 35 and 39 recite methods, computer-readable media, and a system for controlling a computer using at least one video image of a plurality of video images. For example, claim 1 recites a method including capturing n video streams, n being an integer of at least two, the n video streams each comprising a plurality of video

frames and each comprising an image of a user. The method also includes determining a location of an object in at least one of the n video streams. The method further includes controlling a program executing on the computer based on the location of the object. The method also includes combining the n video streams with a user interface stream generated by the computer operating system, thereby forming a composite video stream and displaying the composite video stream.

Each of independent claims 1, 16, 31, 35, and 39 has been amended to recite that the video images are videos of different computer users and the claims further recite providing the combined image for display by each of the computer users. Support for these amendments is found, for example, in Figure 6 and on page 13, lines 18-30 of the present specification. Thus, each of the claims recite combining video of different computer users with a user interface or desktop stream and providing the combined image for display to each of the different computer users.

There is absolutely no disclosure, teaching, or suggestion in DeLeeuw or Price of combining video of different users with a desktop or user interface stream and providing that combined image for display to different computer users. DeLeeuw is directed to an application that executes on a single user's computer and that combines video of that user with the computer desktop. (See, for example, Figure 1 of DeLeeuw.) Price is directed to managing windows in a collaborative meeting where multiple users can view the same application window. (See Abstract of Price.) Neither DeLeeuw nor Price combines video of different users with a user interface or desktop and provides that image for display to the different users. When the single user video display system of DeLeeuw is combined with the multi-user application collaboration system of Price, the result would be video of the

single user combined with an application, displayed with the application, and provided to the collaborators. The collaborators would only be presented with the image of the single user. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1-13 and 16-50 as unpatentable over DeLeeuw in view of Price should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above Amendments and Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in proper condition for allowance, and an early notice to such effect is earnestly solicited.

If any small matter should remain outstanding after the Patent Examiner has had an opportunity to review the above Remarks, the Patent Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned patent attorney in order to resolve these matters and avoid the issuance of another Official Action.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the filing of this correspondence to Deposit Account No. 50-0426.

Respectfully submitted,

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